

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Regional Collection Center Establishment Grant – Contract  
Recommendation**

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The Department is recommending awarding \$97,500 in grant assistance to expand and enhance Regional Collection Center services in Cass, Adair and Guthrie Counties. Specific to this award:

**Cass County** will expand from a satellite facility of Prairie Solid Waste Agency to a main RCC facility serving Guthrie and Adair Counties.

**Guthrie County** currently has no regional collection center service and will become a new satellite facility for residents and small businesses to properly manage and dispose of hazardous materials.

**Adair County** was previously a satellite facility of Metro Waste Authority and will enter into a contract with Cass County as a satellite facility for RCC services.

Funding is requested for:

<u>Cass County</u>	<u>Guthrie County</u>	<u>Adair County</u>
RCC facility expansion	Hazardous material storage bldg.	Hazardous material storage bldg.
RCC mobile unit	Site preparation	Equipment and supplies
Equipment and supplies	Equipment and supplies	Staff training
Education	Staff training	Education
	Education	

Hazardous materials collected or received from residents or CESQG businesses in Adair and Guthrie Counties will be sorted and bulked at their satellite facilities. Cass County will collect and transport the hazardous waste from the satellite facilities to the main RCC facility for final processing and arrange for proper disposal.

**BACKGROUND**

Regional Collection Centers are permanent facilities that provide hazardous waste management education and on-going access to proper disposal of hazardous materials generated by conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) businesses, urban and rural households, and farming operations. Household hazardous materials (HHMs) possess any or all of the following characteristics: toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive. Funding for the Regional Collection Center program is provided through a portion of the solid waste tonnage fee.

A total of 2,957,014 pounds of waste was accepted, processed, recycled and disposed of through the RCC Program in 2007. These materials represent some of the most toxic materials in the solid waste stream and are being prevented from entering Iowa's landfills.

At this time, the Department is requesting Commission approval to enter into a contract with Cass County Environmental Control Agency to expand the Regional Collection Center Programs in Cass, Guthrie and Adair Counties.

A description of the recommended application is attached.

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Attachment:

1. Proposal description

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# REGIONAL COLLECTION CENTER ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

## FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

The Department is recommending awarding the \$97,500 funding request submitted by Cass County Environmental Control Agency to expand hazardous waste collection and disposal services in Cass County and establish services in Adair and Guthrie Counties. Below is a description of the project.

<b>Cass County Environmental Control Agency</b>		<b>Award Amount:</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>
<b>65928 Jackson Road</b>		<b>Local Cost Share:</b>	<b>\$52,500</b>
<b>Atlantic, Iowa 50022</b>		<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$149,500</b>
<b>Project Title: Cass County RCC Program Expansion</b>			
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Wendy Wittrock</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>712-243-1991</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The applicant initially established an RCC Satellite in 2005 as a satellite facility of Prairie Solid Waste Agency. Through awarding this financial assistance request, the applicant will expand services by becoming a main Regional Collection Center and contract with Adair and Guthrie Counties as satellite facilities. Guthrie County was previously without HHM services. Adair County was previously a satellite of Metro Waste Authority.</p> <p>The new RCC service area will provide opportunities for proper purchase, use and management information as well as proper disposal for nearly 15,000 households and 292 conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) businesses.</p> <p>Adair and Guthrie County satellite facilities will collect/accept hazardous waste from residents and CESQG businesses and conduct initial sorting, bulking and storage. The applicant will collect hazardous wastes from Adair and Guthrie County satellite facilities and transport them to their main RCC facility, located in Cass County, for final processing and packaging for final disposition. The applicant, Adair and Guthrie County representatives will provide education and public awareness of the new program to all county residents and businesses.</p> <p>Funds are requested for expansion of Cass County RCC facility to adequately serve residents and CESQG businesses and manage the increased volume of hazardous materials from satellite facilities in Adair and Guthrie Counties.</p>		